



May 14, 2019

Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A4

Re: Letter of Support for Private Member's Bill C-281: An Act to Establish a National Food Day

To Whom It May Concern:

Agriculture In The Classroom Newfoundland and Labrador (AITC-NL) fully support a National Local Food Day and MP Wayne Stetski Private Member's Bill C-281: An Act to Establish a National Food Day.

AITC-NL is a lead organization in Newfoundland and Labrador in agriculture education in the classrooms and is hosted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture. AITC-NL works in partnership with Newfoundland and Labrador's educators and agriculture professionals. Our vision is to connect youth to agriculture through education. AITC-NL helps Newfoundland and Labrador children increase their awareness of where our food comes from, how it is grown, the environmental impacts and understanding of why our food system is essential in society.

This year AITC-NL has expanded into high schools to increased awareness of Canadian agriculture opportunities and to improved attitudes towards local farming and farmers/producers.

AITC-NL strives to increase the understanding of food security, food safety, and the importance of being self-sufficient in food production through various programs, events and resources. A National Local Food Day would be an excellent way to highlight all aspects of Canadian Agriculture.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (709) 687-2998 or via email at michellelester2013@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michelle Lester'.

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